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ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1 (D), PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, PARA 2 (D), THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION HAS SUBMITTED FOUR NOMINATIONS UNDER ARTICLE I, SECTION 1 (D) FOR U.S. PROGRAMS OF THREE-MONTHS DURATION TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 30. EACH PROGRAM WILL HAVE TWO PARTICIPANTS. (ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THREE PARTICIPANTS ANNUALLY FOR FOUR MONTHS, U.S. AGREED SOME MONTHS AGO TO ACCEPT FOUR PARTICIPANTS IN 1974 FOR THREE MONTHS EACH.)

2. ROMANIAN NOMINATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER PROGRAM ARE:

A) GHEORGHE SAIZESCU, FILM DIRECTOR

B) ALEXANDRU POPESCU, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EFFECTS DEPARTMENT,
BUCHAREST FILM STUDIO

3. NOMINATIONS FOR OCTOBER PROGRAM ARE:

A) PETRE SBIRCEA, DIRECTOR OF THE CLUJ OPERA

B) SERGIU-STEFAN EREMIA, SYMPHONIC DIRECTOR OF THE ROMANIAN
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4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISE SUITABILITY THESE DATES. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION, EMBASSY WILL INTERVIEW NOMINEES AND SUBMIT DETAILED PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS AS WELL AS ASSESSMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY. MEANWHILE, SINCE NOMINATING NOTES CONTAIN LANGUAGE ("TOGETHER" AND "IN COMMON") WHICH IMPLY THAT NOMINEES ARE TO BE PROGRAMMED AS PAIRS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON PROGRAMMING DIFFICULTIES, IF ANY, WHICH THIS MAY REPRESENT. AT THIS POINT, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT COUNCIL WILL ACCEPT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL AND PROGRAMMING AS LONG AS MAJORITY OF PROGRAM IS IN TANDUM. NATURALLY, SINCE THIS MAY BE COMMON PRACTICE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THE PROGRAMMING AGENCIES MAY PERCEIVE NO UNUSUAL DIFFICULTY. BARNES

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